

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Laerz Airfield

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OF [REDACTED]

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PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

1. Between 1 May and 15 June 1952, an average of 20 EM were daily observed arriving and leaving Laerz airfield.

2. After the arrival of the previously reported vulcanizing unit, it was observed that old tires were hauled to the Rechlin restricted area, while reconditioned tires left Rechlin. (1)

3. [REDACTED]

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4. The following aircraft and air activities were observed at the field between 1 and 10 June:

1 June. Fifty-six MiG-15s or type-29s, 3 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes, 1 biplane and 1 B-25 were counted at the field. The planes were arranged as follows: 18 MiG-15s or type-29s, 3 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes, 1 biplane and 1 B-25 were parked on the hardstands along the taxiway, 30 MiG-15s or type-29s on the dispersal area east of the flight control building, and 8 MiG-15s as an alert flight on the south end of the runway.

2 June. At 7:15 p.m., the same number of aircraft was observed at the field as on 1 June.

8 June. Fifty-four or 56 MiG-15s or type-29s, 3 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes, 3 biplanes, 1 B-25 and 1 twin-engine plane with a double rudder assembly were parked at the field.

11 June. Three MiG-15s or type-29s [REDACTED] were observed at the field. (2)

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13 June. Seven MiG-15s or type-29s, [REDACTED] were parked on the east end of the runway. An alert flight of 8 planes was also parked at the field. (2)

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15 June. A total of 52 MiG-15s or type-29s was counted at the field. At 2 p.m., there was no air activity.

17 June. [ ] there was very intensive air activity at the field.

18 June. At 7:15 p.m., 39 MiG-15s or type-29s were counted. During the morning, there was intensive flying activity. (3)

5. [ ] a twin-jet plane [ ] had landed at the field on 29 May. Two aircraft of the same type landed on 31 May. (4)

6. The MiG-15s or type-29s were always towed from the east end of the runway by a small truck to the dispersal area. From any other site the planes taxied under their own power.

7. On 26 May, eight tents, each with a capacity of about 10 men, were being erected at the point where the board fence, which runs along Laerz-Vietzen road, turns toward the north. Slightly nearer to the landing field, there were six AA guns, canvas-covered and near these were former German field fortifications. The number of tents was increased to 15 on 13 June. On this day, the AA guns were emplaced. Their carriages could not be observed. On 2 June, 9 tents were observed at the south end of the board fence south of the field, at the point where the road from Laerz terminates. About 150 meters to the east, there were five emplaced AA guns, probably of 37-mm caliber and 1 AA gun of the same caliber which was mounted on a carriage located near a dugout. The gun on the carriage was canvas-covered, and its muzzle had a leather cover. The other five guns which were not canvas-covered projected beyond the earthwall by about 50 cm. On the same day, [ ] two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with machine guns went to a nearby bush between the fence and canal where they took up well camouflaged positions. On 13 June, the number of tents near this AA gun emplacement was increased to 15. About 10 a.m. on 2 June, a motor vehicle column consisting of six trucks towing AA guns was observed passing through Vipperow toward Roebel. The AA guns were covered with tarpaulins. [ ]

8. EM continuously arrived for training at the field on regular trains. Other personnel arrived at the field by truck coming from Rechlin. The skeleton structures of three buildings, each about 50 meters long, were completed. [ ] (6)

9. [ ] apparently new, moved from Vipperow toward Vietzen. All vehicles were occupied only by their drivers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (7)

10. Between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 13 June, no air activity was observed at the field. Aircraft counted at the field included 53 MiG-15s or type-29s, 4 Yak-11s, 4 biplanes, 1 single-engine plane with a radial engine and another biplane. Individual flights were made between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 14 June. There was no flying on 15 June. Between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 16 June, there was flying by individual planes which remained aloft for 15 to 30 minutes. On 17 June, flying in elements of two was practiced in daytime and take-offs and landings were practiced at night. At 8 a.m. on 18 June, jet fighters, [ ] were parked at the field. (2) Between 2 and 3 p.m., [ ]

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strafing at the dam near Klopzow was practiced by 4 or 5 planes. (8)  
Flying was also practiced at night.

(2) Between 8 and 10 a.m. on 19 June, there was little flying activity.

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12. Between 23 and 28 June, there was intensive air activity at the field, sometimes also at night. (9) Between 8 and 8:20 a.m. on 28 June, individual take-offs were made by MiG-15s, at intervals of 1 to 2 minutes, and between 8:20 a.m. and noon, these practices continued at intervals of 5 to 6 minutes.

COMMENTS:

(1) The arrival of a vulcanizing unit in Rechlin restricted area coming from Dallgow-Doberitz was previously reported.

(3) according to the last reports, it is believed that 50 to 60 MiG-15s are stationed at the field.

(4) It is assumed that the two twin-jet planes were temporarily stationed at the field. it is inferred that the planes belong to the bomber regiment in Herneuchen. It is possible that the planes landed temporarily at Luerz airfield during the current bombing practices at Gadow-Losow firing range.

(5) Twelve 37-mm aa guns are believed to be stationed at Luerz airfield.

(6) The reports on new buildings disagree as to the number of buildings.

there were four new hangars which were inspected by the chief of the Wittstock Kech office on 3 June 1952. See

(7) The motor vehicle shipment is probably connected with the recent replacement program of old vehicles for new ones.

(8) In Klopzow there is a firing range which is used by the fighter regiments stationed in Luerz.

(9) The report confirms that night flying at the field was intensified. See